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Letter dated 1 October 2021 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the recent Security Council resolutions on the question of Western Sahara, in which the Council called upon the parties to resume negotiations under the auspices of the Secretary-General.

I intend to appoint Mr. Staffan de Mistura as my Personal Envoy for Western Sahara. He will work with the parties and the neighbouring States, on the basis of Security Council resolution [2548 \(2020\)](#) and earlier resolutions and taking into account the progress made to date, in order to achieve a just, durable and mutually acceptable political solution that will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Horst Köhler, who served as Personal Envoy from 2017 to 2019. I wish to express my appreciation to him for his dedication and commitment to this important issue.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António **Guterres**

